

Halesworth Golf Club

Ladies Section



Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Thursday 8th February 2024 at 9.00

Those Present: Cathy Chandler (CC), Karen Forster (KF), Sara Higgins (SH), Lesley King (LK), Sonia Lord (SL), Viv Leech (VL), Cathy Judd (CJ)

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of 10th January 2024 were approved and were signed by the Captain.

3. Update on the actions from the previous meetings

Video – deferred to the end of the meeting

4. Captains report

The Captain submitted a report which was noted. (Attached).

5. Competition Secretary report

Competition Secretary submitted a report which was noted.

6. Handicap Secretary report

Handicap Secretary submitted a report which was noted.

7. Treasurer Report

Treasurer submitted a report which was noted.

8. New Constitution draft paper

A draft copy of a proposed constitution for the ladies section had been circulated. It was stressed that this would be a subset of the Golf Club constitution.

It was agreed to add a section on approval of new trophies and ensuring that if the Committee wished to change the existing rules on a trophy, that they contacted and agreed with the donor of the trophy.

LK, SH and KF to arrange a meeting to discuss with Ben as the Club Manager and would seek advice on how to proceed.

9. Financial Processes draft paper.

A draft copy of the new Financial Rules had been circulated and it was unanimously agreed that it should be adopted. A copy will be put in the changing room and the members will be notified about it.

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10. To add L. King as a signatory and mandate changes

It was unanimously agreed to add L. King to the bank mandate as a signatory.

KF and SH to contact Barclays so as to arrange being able to approve payments on their phone apps.

11. Sunday/Thursday cut off tee times for non-competitive games

SH proposed that when the allocated times for Thursdays and Sundays were for a “free day” she would open them up so that Ladies could play without tee sheet time restrictions ie: turn up on the day and if there is a free slot you can just put your name down and play.

SH to write an email to let members know.

12. Qualifiers for the Super Senior Championship

Following advice from SH, and as a response to a question from A. Middleton, it was agreed that there are no qualifiers required in order to play in the Super Senior Championship.

13. Payments for Meals for the Weston competition players

It was agreed that payment for food for players in the Weston Competition should be in line with other county competitions insofar that they are paid for by the Ladies Section (Rule 19 from the Section Competition Rules). The difference is that there is not normally a sit down meal but the players have bacon rolls or similar before they go out.

It was also agreed that captains of the County Competitions should ask clubs that they visit to send an invoice to the Section Treasurer.

Similarly VL to ask Ellie if in future HGC could invoice other clubs if requested.

14. Competition Secretary Items

SH proposed that the Ladies section should take over the engraving organisation for our own trophies. After discussion, it was agreed that committee individuals should contact engravers to understand the potential costs. It was also pointed out that we would need to understand any insurance implications when transporting the trophies.

SH also proposed that the trophies should be individually photographed and kept on a USB stick so that all captains could be sure which they have for the AGM.

It was agreed to tidy up the Trophy cabinet and photograph where all trophies are stored.

SH has created a Committee calendar which shows all the various events, matches, comps and other items. The link will be sent to all Committee members.

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15. Spooktacular

C. Enemy has informed the Captain that she will no longer be organising the Spooktacular event. The Committee would like to thank her for her work in the previous years. She has passed over the contacts and the Captain has the props and similar items. Leaflets will be printed and distributed. SH and LK to discuss with the management about putting a link on the website. SH to receive the applications and add to the Tee Sheet, CJ will take on the organisation of the food with the Captain and VL to verify that they have paid. KF & LK to organise scoring.

16. Other Items

SH has prepared a manual to be left in the Cloakroom on the changes that are coming on handicaps.

SL will organise a coffee morning twice a year for new members to meet.

LK showed the first draft of the video she had created which all members thought was excellent. She will add items on Buggy Hire, EV charging, Chipping area, Balcony area, 9 hole course and lessons.

17. Next Meeting

The Date of the next meeting is March 7th at 1.00 pm.

K. Forster

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Lady Captains Report 08/02/2024

I can't believe we're already into February, and the weather has been mild but windy for this time of the year, let's hope it continues as spring approaches.

We have had plenty of fun comps throughout January, and it has been great to see with quite a few ladies entering and giving them the opportunity to play with other ladies they may have not played with to date, always good fun, and normally a good turnout. We have had one Stapleford qualifier on the 18th Jan, which I cowardly pulled out of with a few others after seeing the weather report for the day, feeling like -9, was not my idea of fun. For those iron Ladies that braved the weather well done and take my hat off to you. It certainly didn't affect Jean Berry who came in with a tremendous score of 40 points. So well done Jean.

My thanks goes to Sara for continuing to do the competitions, she does a fantastic job in tweaking the Diary to make sure it works for all Parties involved, and keeping us all involved with updates, even more so when the comps have to be played and then unfortunately someone pulls out, and panic arises of getting another player to step up, or even have to redo the team sheet, and I appreciate this can be very stressful at times. Thank You Sara

The home and away friendlies are very well supported again this year, my thanks go to Karen Forster my lovely vice-captain, and who is also our Ladies club secretary, Karen has taken her role on like the swans have at Halesworth to water, Karen is doing a fantastic job, organising the ladies and mixed friendlies, well in advance. She is also encouraging our newer ladies to take part and has already shown she that she will be an excellent Captain in 2025. Thank you to Ellie for supporting Karen and giving her the food options going forward, which I believe have always been a good choice and great value for money.

As you know I'm supporting the Bobby Moore fund this year, and the money has already started to come in, and you will undoubtedly hear me mentioning this charity many times throughout the year, so I will be highly grateful for all your support. Viv our treasurer is dealing with the funds, so thank you to Viv, I'm yet to phone the charity to get their bank details to back the funds to them hopefully monthly, I will update you all when I have more information. While we are still on the topic of the charity, My appreciation and gratitude go to Rita Fossey, and Viv Leech for joining me to do a 666 challenge as we have called it, we are going to do 6 courses in 6 days for the Number 6 Bobby Moore, we are hoping to raise as much money as possible through sponsorship, and will be putting a sponsorship form up on the ladies and gents notice board. I have been in touch with the following clubs, Bungay, Diss, Gorleston, Rookery, and Southwold, the response I have had in them supporting us has been greatly appreciated, and overwhelming and they are very happy to accommodate us, I have also asked the Ladies captains at their clubs if they would like to join us on the day, I have had a very good response to this and some have agreed so far, I'm just waiting from others to reply, our challenge Starts on Monday 27th May and finishing at Halesworth on Saturday 1st June, it would be lovely to see so many friendly faces as we come in and get over the finishing line. My appreciation and gratitude also go to Sara who is also raising money for the charity by doing 55 holes for big 55th birthday, Sara is doing her challenge with Ali Wallace from Rookery so looking to get as much sponsorship as we can for Sara too. Thank You Ladies so much for all your support.

Its great to see our ladies section continuing to grow. This will give greater choice for our county captains, which can only be a positive going forward for HGCL, who all have the ability of moving Halesworth forward.

Just a note as well about our Captain vs Vice Captain competition on April 18th which will be on the theme of Alice in Wonderland. I thought I'd let you know early so you could get thinking about costumes.

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And finally, thanks to the Ladies committee who are all doing a fantastic Job, and are all working extremely well together. They all keep us well informed of any updates and changes that arise, your contributions and input are valuable and much appreciated, keep up the good work Ladies, and well done.

Cathy

Competition Secretary Report for February 2024 – Sara Higgins

January was comparable to the song, name that tune, but instead it was name that storm! We endured temperatures of 'feels like' -7.5 degrees – so far we have encountered Henk, Isha and Jocelyn battering Britain and by all accounts we are not over the worst of it and look forward to meeting Kathleen next.

Being competition secretary really has its demands when trying to foresee British weather and keep a tee sheet together! But we managed to have a couple of fun competitions in the mix namely throw, kick mulligan – well done to Sally Baxter, Sue Millard and Maggie Bennett. And results for the Reverse Waltz were winning team again Sue Millard, Sally Baxter and Karol Perley – I will make sure I put myself down in your team next time.

January stableford only had 11 ladies sign up, it was a very cold day and the hot chocolate in the club house seemed a better idea than a cold wind outside in your face. Well done to the following:-

Dv1 Sally Baxter 33 (OCB), Barbara Dennis 33 and Judith Bedwell 31

Dv2 Jean Berry 40, Susanne Wilson 38, Mary Pickering 37

February is set to be busy with ladies signing up already for qualifiers and fun competitions.

It was decided at committee level to increase the competition payments which has been welcomed across the board. I know Viv, our treasurer will be documenting this in her report so I don't wish to double up on that.

As we know, the new rules in WHS start 1st April regarding handicapping and course ratings will change. I'm getting my head around this together with Lesley our handicap secretary so we are all ready for the change well in advance. To document this the main areas are as follows:-

*Inclusion of Shorter-Length Golf Courses Within the Course Rating™ System

*Use of an Expected Score for a Hole Not Played

*Playing Conditions Calculation Adjustments Made More Frequent

*Enhanced Guidance on Conducting a Handicap Review

*The Inclusion of Four Ball Better Ball Scores within GB&I

*Course Handicap™ using CR-Par

*Rounding

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I will be detailing as much as I can to our section to make the change seamless; I also have guidance notes from England Golf that I will be posting in our ladies section both electronically and printed. If any lady wishes to discuss this on a one to one please feel free to contact me. I am always available for a chat!

We look forward to hearing from Daily Mail regarding the start of the new 2024 competition, I expect to be advised after 4th February to where Rita and Lesley will be playing and who their opponents will be – best of luck ladies in your rounds.

I have entered Georgianna Coby to represent the ladies and Jack Rawlinson to represent the men at the Race to Woodhall Spa at our local regional event June 16th at Stowmarket GC. They are both eager to play and its lovely to have one of juniors represent Halesworth for I think the first time.

As always wishing everyone a great golfing season in 2024.

Sara Higgins

Halesworth Golf Ladies Handicap Secretary report

4th February 2024

All very quiet on the handicap front still. A few eclectic cards being submitted on Sundays and Thursdays.

We have 2 new ladies as of the 1st Feb

[Ava Barber](#) Not yet awarded CDH or handicap 01/02/2024

[Angela Morris](#) Not yet awarded CDH or handicap 01/02/2024

In the last month these ladies improved their handicap, albeit very slightly. The most improved was Alison Dudeney 1.1 followed by Carol Perley 0.7. Then Clare Woods, Sally Baxter and Jane Linford by 0.2, 0.1 and 0.1 respectively.

Well done to these ladies in this cold weather.

Top 3 in the eclectic as of today,

1st Lesley King 61

2nd Susanne Wilson 62.1

3rd Clare Woods 62.9.

2 months to go!

I am looking forward to handicaps moving more dramatically as the year progresses.

Lesley King

Handicap Secretary

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TREASURERS REPORT- JANUARY 2024

The majority of funds received this month are for the upcoming Winter League Gala Day which we are hosting on 11th March and organized by Barbara Dennis. 76 ladies have paid a total of £1900 making our balance look very healthy.

However, after receipt of £56.50 from the January competitions due this week, we will only have £215.55 in the main account and £510.90 in the savings account. The remaining £290 in the savings account are from sale of tags for the Lady Captains Charity.

We have 5 competitions in February which should bring in more funds and hopefully with the increase in the cost of playing in the competitions & more ladies playing as the weather hopefully improves, we should increase the amounts seen month on month.

We are using the prize fund calculations kindly proposed and sorted by Karen and I think the ladies seem happy with how this now works.

Karen, Sara and myself have been working on putting in place the Financial Procedures discussed in our last committee meeting including having another member of the committee authorizing any payments leaving the bank account, protecting both the Treasurer and funds held by the Ladies Section. I think this document will be a great asset.

V Leech

